

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH • NORTH BENNINGTON, VERMONT



## MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is a community of baptized people who have, as their common goals: to love, model, teach, serve, and celebrate Christ in our lives. Committed to the Eucharist, our Bread of Life, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to service to God's people and center our faith-life around liturgical celebrations, the Gospel, and prayer. Based on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, we reach out to all people lovingly, acknowledging their uniqueness and dignity, and treat all with respect, tolerance, and acceptance, having the love of Jesus as our core.

## EUCARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**

5:30 PM

**Sunday**

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**Monday through Thursday**

9:00 AM

**Holy Day Mass**

(refer to schedule on inside cover)

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

*Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Visitors or parishioners need to notify the Pastor or Deacon prior to the particular Mass they are attending.*

## RECONCILIATION

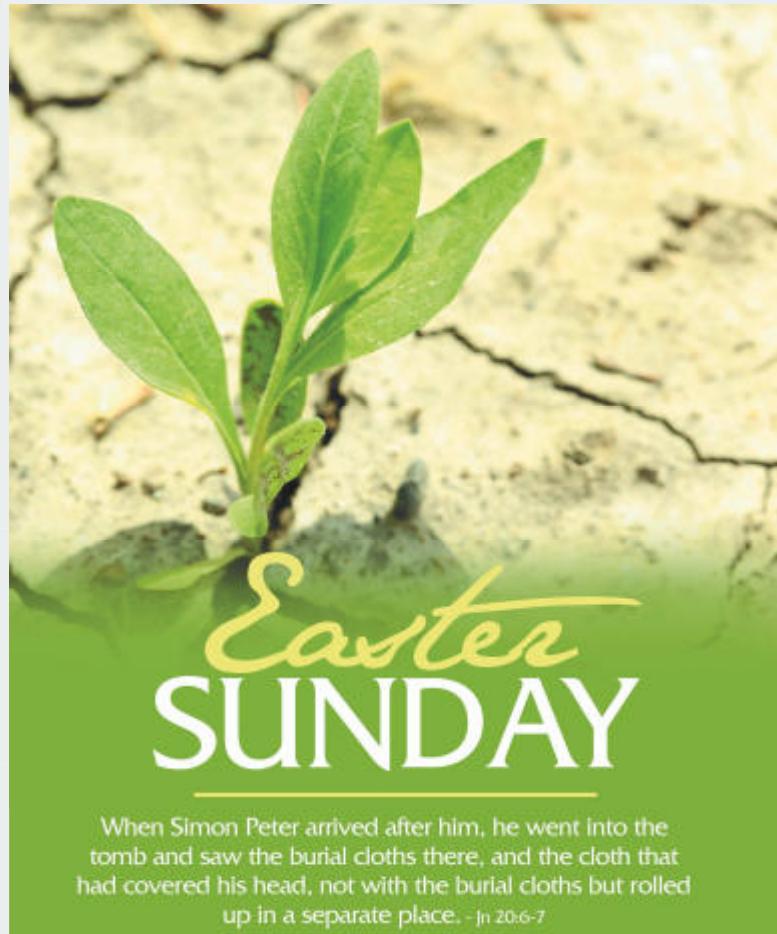
Saturdays from 4:30 PM–5:00 PM and by appointment.

## VISITORS

Welcome. Thank you for joining us for our Eucharistic Celebration. Please know that we have a long tradition of kneeling after every Mass to say a brief prayer for vocations.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners to St. John's and ask that they register at the parish office. Parishioners with new addresses or who are moving should also contact the parish office.



When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. -Jn 20:6-7



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

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## Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 4/3-4/11

**Sat./Sun., 4/3-4/4 – Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday**

- 8:00 p.m. For our parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Michael Borden by the Family
- 11:00 a.m. Doris Donohue by Diana & Chris DeSantis

**Monday, 4/5 – Monday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. The Monroe Family by Joan & Stephen Monroe

**Tuesday, 4/6 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Wednesday, 4/7 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. Pam Frie (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary) by the Billow Family

**Thursday, 4/8 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:00 a.m. Darlene Galipeau by Diana & Chris DeSantis

**Friday, 4/9 – Friday within the Octave of Easter**

No Mass

**Sat./Sun., 4/10-4/11 – Second Sunday of Easter**

- 5:30 p.m. Darlene Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin
- 9:00 a.m. For our parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. Arthur & Delima Rousseau by the Lindsey Family



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

- Jn 20:5-7

### Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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## Gospel Reflection Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are. ©LPi

### Sunday Summary

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43** Those in the company of Jesus are witnesses of what he did.

**Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23** This is the day when the stone once rejected becomes the cornerstone.

**1 Corinthians 5:6b-8** The consequences of old yeast, like old habits, die hard.

**John 20:1-9** Faith is not a contest. Getting there is more important than getting there first.

*"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,  
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word  
of kindness to every person we encounter,  
for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us."*



### Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ. Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.



**Happy Easter!** We prayed, fasted, and gave alms - and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Thank you from CRS for changing lives this Lent and please don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl!



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#### Features for April:

**April 4 – Easter Sunday**

**Read:** My Path to Heaven

**Listen:** Three Days that Changed the World

**Watch:** Brother Francis: He Is Risen

**April 7 – Saint John Baptist de La Salle**

**Watch:** St. John Baptist de La Salle (Patron Saint of Teachers)

**April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Study:** Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

**Watch:** Ocean of Mercy



### Kids' Corner - Sharing the Gospel

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

**Prayer:** Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

**Something to Draw:** Draw Mary, Peter, and John looking inside the empty tomb.

**Mission for the Week:** I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

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### Question of the Week

**Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?**

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the Eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: “A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine” (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, “The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour” (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the “letter of the law,” the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### **First Reading:**

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus’ resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus’ resurrection, ascension, and final return — to “seek what is above.” What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

#### **Gospel:**

Mark’s account of Jesus’ resurrection focuses on the women’s discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?



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